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## (U) CALIFORNIA

## (U) Sacramento – Suspect Who Allegedly Shot at Off-Duty Deputy Arrested

(U) Detectives have arrested the suspect who allegedly shot at an off-duty deputy in Downtown Sacramento early Tuesday morning. The shooting happened near 5th and I streets, right in front the federal courthouse. An off-duty deputy was reportedly walking when someone in a passing vehicle shot at him. The deputy wasn't hurt, but a window at the courthouse was struck by gunfire. Sacramento police say, with the help of California Highway Patrol and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, detectives identified the shooting suspect as Rashpal Sahota, 40. He was taken into custody Tuesday night after SWAT officers responded to his home.

SOURCE: 2 March 2022, CBS 13 Sacramento

# (U) Sacramento – Man Sentenced to Six-Months in Jail for Hate Crimes

(U) A judge yesterday sentenced a man accused of a series of hate crimes against a Carmichael synagogue and neighborhood to 180-days in jail, the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office said. Nicholas Sherman pleaded guilty to a felony count of desecrating a religious symbol on the property of the Shalom Le Israel synagogue in Carmichael and a misdemeanor count of terrorism for leaving flyers with a Nazi swastika on the grounds of the Deterding Elementary School. Sherman was also charged for placing bags of uncooked rice with Aryan Nations flyers containing a swastika on the doorsteps of a number of homes.

SOURCE: 2 March 2022, KCRA 3 Sacramento

#### (U) San Diego – Poor Construction of Explosive Device Reportedly Prevented Larger Explosion

(U) A pipe bomb that exploded in a Kearny Mesa hotel last week had been tucked inside an ice machine alcove, and poor construction of the device prevented a larger blast, a prosecutor said yesterday. The hotel, on Aero Drive near Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport, was about 80-percent occupied when the bomb went off. Tips from the public helped investigators zero in on Hans Jurgen Sarda, 30, and Grover Preston Everett, 39, who were arrested earlier this week. Both pleaded not guilty Wednesday to three felony charges, including possessing, exploding, and igniting a destructive device. Each faces the potential of up to seven-years in prison, Deputy District Attorney Christina Eastman said.

SOURCE: 2 March 2022, The San Diego Union-Tribune

## (U) San Diego - One Detained for Bomb Threat at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

(U) A person was detained yesterday afternoon for reportedly making a bomb threat on Marine Corps Air Station Miramar property, base officials said. At about 3 p.m., the person drove a private vehicle onto the US Marine Corps installation in San Diego and claimed there was a bomb in it, a spokesperson said in an email statement. Upon a search of the vehicle, however, no explosives were located. The individual, who was not publicly identified, then was transported to the Provost Marshall's Office for questioning.

SOURCE: 2 March 2022, Fox 5 San Diego

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## (U) NATIONAL

## (U) District of Columbia – Oath Keeper Leader Pleads Guilty to Conspiracy in US Capitol Attack

(U) Washington – The leader of the Alabama chapter of the right-wing Oath Keepers militia group pleaded guilty to criminal charges including conspiracy in the 6 January 2021, attack on the US Capitol by supporters of then-President Donald Trump, the US Department of Justice announced yesterday. Joshua James, 34, pleaded guilty to seditious conspiracy and obstruction of an official proceeding of Congress after playing a role in leading the assault on the Capitol, according to a news release. Prosecutors say James is the Oath Keepers' regional leader and heads up the Alabama chapter. James will cooperate with the investigation that is currently under way as part of the agreement.

SOURCE: 2 March 2022, Reuters

#### (U) New York - Man Charged with Hate Crimes in Attacks on Seven Asian Women

(U) New York City — A homeless man has been charged with hate crimes after a string of unprovoked attacks on women of Asian descent in New York City, police said. Steven Zajonc, 28, was arrested Wednesday in connection with assaults on seven women in different Manhattan neighborhoods over a two-hour period on Sunday. The victims were all women of Asian descent ranging in age from 19-to-57, police said. Most were punched in the face; one was shoved to the ground. Two were treated at hospitals. Zajonc was arrested on seven counts each of assault as a hate crime, attempted assault as a hate crime, aggravated harassment and harassment.

SOURCE: 3 March 2022, Associated Press

#### (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### (U) Somalia – 10 Al-Shabaab Terrorists Killed in Southern Somalia

(U) Mogadishu – The Somali National Army (SNA) has said that its forces killed ten al-Shabaab terrorists in the ongoing security operations in Lower Jubba in the southern part of the country. "Ten al-Shabab terrorists were killed and some wounded and captured in special security operations conducted by the SNA in Yontoy, Raynerow, and Farbulay of Lower Jubba region on Tuesday." The latest onslaught on the militants came hours after the security forces repulsed an attack on their military base in Hudur town in Southwest State early Tuesday, killing five al-Shabab militants.

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